

COUNCIL WILL AWAIT GRAND JURY'S ACTION

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Mr. Cox. The reply to Mr. Cox's letter was as follows:

Cleveland, Ohio,
June 21, 1909.

E. C. Cox,
Newport News, Va.

Dear Sir:—
"Mr. Bramley was suddenly called to Saginaw, Michigan, and from there to Tulsa, Oklahoma. He will probably be home in a week or ten days when we will submit your letter to him."
Very respectfully yours,

"See's."

The signature of the letter was omitted in the copy furnished by the mayor nor could it be ascertained last night.

The clerk then read the request of members of the council that a special meeting be called to take action upon these letters. The councilmen signing this call were: George W. Whitely, W. C. Harris, W. E. Jones, L. J. Bolling, George E. Via, C. R. Fellows, W. E. Spruill, W. E. Hutchens and E. E. Christie.

Cox Insists Upon Charges.

After President Jones asked what was the pleasure of the council in the matter there was an instant's pause. Then Mr. Cox arose and said that he would like to know what charges had been brought against him. "I want to know what the charges are and I want a copy of them and to have the right to defend myself. You get your witnesses and I'll get mine," he declared.

President Jones said that he had made no charges against Mr. Cox. "Your letter, Mr. Cox, is enough in itself," he declared.

Mr. Cox insisted that some charges be preferred so that he might defend himself.

The President's Charges.

"Then I charge you," declared President Jones, "with appearing to the public at large as a crook and dishonoring the city council and implicating every member of the council."

"Well, make your charges in writing and give me a copy. I have counsel to defend me," said Mr. Cox.

Councilman Harris moved that the city attorney be directed to prepare the charges, which motion prevailed without discussion. President Jones, Mayor Jones and City Attorney Massie retired from the chamber to prepare the charges.

They returned fifteen minutes later and City Attorney Massie read the following charges:

"To E. C. Cox, Esq.,

Member of Common Council,

City of Newport News, Va.,

"Sir:—You are hereby charged with misfeasance and malfeasance in office as a member of the common council of this city in that you did on the 17th day of June, 1909, write a letter to Mr. Bramley of Cleveland, Ohio, in which you reflected upon the honesty and integrity of the members of this body and ask for employment by the company of which Mr. Bramley is president and with whom this city has contract relations at present.

copy of your letter is herewith attached as further charge in detail."

"Newport News, Va., June 17th, 1909.

"Mr. Bramley, Cleveland, Ohio,

"Dear sir:—I guess you have heard of my election, I carried every ward in the city by a large majority, so you can see how I stand here with the people. There are a few places I would like to go in your behalf as I am sure I can do you some good, and myself too, and you can send me a check for \$100 to defray expenses as soon as possible. I would also like to come over to Cleveland, and have a talk with you, as when I resign my seat in the council the first of the year, I would want to represent you in your behalf as you know I understand everything, and can save you many a dollar when the time comes. I will not put a man in my place that the council is with me, and they will do business with me before they will anyone else as we all understand each other.

"Hoping you will give this your prompt attention, I am,

"Yours truly,

"E. C. COX,

"Councilman."

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(Signed) "CHARLES C. BERKELEY."

Councilman W. E. Jones moved the adoption of the charges.

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